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NEW PUBLIC ARTWORK UNVEILED

FANTASTIC FIREWORKS

NEW VETERANS' BENCHES

NEW WEEKLY WASTE COLLECTIONS



Leader's column



Welcome to the Winter 2025 edition of the Chronicle magazine...

I hope you are enjoying the winter months, staying warm, and preparing for the festive season. Thank you to everyone who joined myself and the team for this year's fantastic fireworks display at Fairlands Valley Park. The display is always a great way to bring the community together to enjoy the pyrotechnics in a safe way. It was great to see so many smiling faces of all ages.

Since the summer issue, it has been a very busy time for the council. We have organised a number for events for everyone to enjoy. This includes the firework display, the Stevenage Together awards, Halloween event, outdoor cinema screenings, STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) events, and a variety of activities at Stevenage Museum. Thank you for all your support and we will continue to bring exciting events to the town.

Whilst we continue to provide plenty of fun occasions, the council has also been very busy with Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). LGR is about how local councils are structured, potentially moving from the current two-tier system (district and county councils) to unified authorities. This will lead to a

single council running all local services in an area and we are working to get the best we can for Stevenage.

Following the Government's invitation to councils in two-tier authority areas (such as ours) to submit plans for local government reorganisation, all ten district councils, the County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner have been working collaboratively to review options that offer the best opportunities for residents, partners and businesses.

A joint submission was made to Government on 28 November and included evidence to support the three unitary model options. A decision is expected from the Government in Summer 2026. You can stay informed by visiting the Hertfordshire Local Government Reform website - www. hertfordshire-lgr.co.uk/ and www. stevenage.gov.uk/about-the-council/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a wonderful festive break with friends, family and loved ones.

Best wishes, Cllr Richard Henry Leader of the Council

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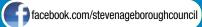
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Veteran Benches installed in Stevenage

benches installed in Stevenage in honour of those who served our country.

The benches provide a lasting tribute and a peaceful place for residents and visitors to pause, reflect, and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The first bench has been installed at Fairlands Valley Park near the area where The Muster Point group regularly meets, while the second will soon be installed at St Nicholas Park. Both locations were chosen for their tranquil surroundings and accessibility, offering thoughtful spaces for remembrance and reflection.

The installations have been made possible through funding from St

Nicholas Councillors Local Community Budget and UK Shared Prosperity Fund which supports local projects that enhance community spaces and wellbeing.

The project also celebrates the achievements of The Muster Point, which recently received the Judges' Special Award at the Stevenage Together Awards 2025. Founded by Stephen Black and Stuart Mendelson, The Muster Point has become a vital support network for veterans and their families. Having recently signed the Armed Forces Covenant, the Muster Point provides weekly breakfast meetings, friendship, and open conversation. The group offers connection, support, and a sense of belonging for those who have served in our armed forces.

Their recently launched podcast has also helped to reach others

across the wider veteran community.

These new benches provide peaceful spaces for reflection and gratitude, while recognising the incredible work of local groups like the Royal British Legion and The Muster Point, who bring our veteran community together with care and compassion. It's a true example of Stevenage's community spirit at its best.





Stevenage Events

busy with several events for residents to enjoy. Here are a few of the activities many of you have enjoyed across the town.



Fireworks 2025

Thank you to everyone who came to our fireworks extravaganza on 5 November. We hope you had the best time at our annual display.



STEM event

Thanks again to everyone who joined the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for the STEM in Stevenage event last month. Thanks also to the NHS, Airbus, The IET, VIAVI and Nemco, plus Mad Science. A special mention to the two robots from the University of Hertfordshire, the hands-on science experiences with North Herts College and creative fun by Junction 7 Creatives.



Our Mayor, local dignitaries, business leaders and residents gathered in October at the Gordon Craig Theatre for the annual Stevenage Together Awards ceremony to see local heroes honoured. Thanks to Fosters Solicitors, which was this year's main awards sponsor.

And the winners were...

New Stevenage Business Award (sponsored by Co-Space) - **Thistle & Willow.**

Environment Award - David and Jenny Creed and the Green Space Volunteers.

STEM Award - Bioscience Catalyst.

Wellbeing Award (sponsored by The Stevenage Healthy Hub) - Ami MacKenzie and The Wellbeing Junction. **Sporting Award** (sponsored by Everyone Active) - **Malcolm Chapman.**

Rising Star Award (sponsored by Stevenage Indoor Market) - Winnie-Marie Stewart.

Caring Award (sponsored by Reef Origin) - **Carly Stacey.**

Team Award (sponsored by Sureserve Compliance Central) -Julie Burrows, Mary Szulikowski and the Stevenage Sporting Futures team.

Community Champion Award (sponsored by Fosters Legal Services) - Stevenage Filipino British Community.

Lifetime Award (sponsored by Jewson Partnership Solutions) - **Heather Altringham**

Judges' Special Awards - Stephen Black and Stuart Mendelson.

A posthumous Judges' Special Award recognised Kenneth Moore.



Transforming Our Town

Stevenage town centre is going through an exciting period of change. The area is evolving to introduce new uses and new experiences for everyone to enjoy. The transformation continues to make Stevenage a place for people to live, work, and play and presents several opportunities for people to learn new skills and benefit from the changes. All the latest information on the programme is available on our social media channels and our website, https://stevenage-evenbetter.com/.



Our bright, colourful underpass network

In the summer edition of Chronicle, we highlighted several underpasses that were set to be transformed with artworks. They are all now completed and can be found at various locations throughout the town. With a variety of themes, from Remembrance to Cultural and Ethnic Diversity, the artworks celebrate the town and make the underpasses more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists. Funded by Stevenage Development Board through the Towns Fund, the programme of underpass improvements is a collaboration between Hertfordshire County Council and Stevenage Borough Council.

Stevenage Bus Interchange sculpture

A new, permanent piece of public artwork has been unveiled at the Stevenage Bus Interchange. Featuring stories and memories from the local community, including what initially brought people to Stevenage and their favourite things about the town, the mosaic sculpture is positioned directly in front of the entrance to the Bus Interchange.

Local artist Donna Reeves has been working with Junction 7 Creatives (J7C) to collate the stories, with the commission funded through the Stevenage Development Board.

The artwork forms part of the Stevenage Heart Trails – 27 miles of traffic-free footpaths that allow everyone to explore and discover hidden art and heritage across Stevenage.



Stevenage Borough
Council and the Stevenage
Development Board
representatives with artist
Donna Reeves (centre)

Stevenage Sports & Leisure Centre

The new Sports & Leisure Centre in Stevenage was granted planning permission (subject to the completion of a Section 106 legal agreement), by the Planning and Development Committee in September. The exciting new facility will bring together sports, leisure and swimming facilities under one roof. Next steps and timelines for building completion will be shared in due course.



New homes in the town centre

The building of housing in the town centre is continuing, with construction works well underway at Claxton House. The new residential development, which sits on the site of the former Swingate House, will deliver 261 new homes, and forms part of the wider SG1 masterplan for the town centre being brought forward by Mace, in partnership with the council. Elsewhere, residents have moved into the 143 one and two-bedroom apartments completed by the Guinness Partnership earlier this year. They are all social rent properties, providing a new and very valuable source of affordable homes in the heart of Stevenage.

A new chapter for Dunn Close

xciting progress continues across the town as we continue to deliver high-quality, energy-efficient homes for residents.

One of the latest developments to have been completed and handed over in the last few months is Dunn Close.

It consists of 21 modern one, two and three-bedroom apartments, along with six additional one-bedroom supported living apartments in an adjacent building. The new homes will provide safe, comfortable, and affordable accommodation for local people, helping meet the growing demand for housing in our town.

The apartments are built with sustainability and affordability in mind. Each property benefits from air source heat pumps, solar panels, and increased insulation, helping reduce running costs and make

the homes cheaper to heat for residents.

Dunn Close is a brilliant example of how we are creating high-quality, sustainable homes that meet the needs of our community and play a vital role in providing a safe haven for local families, while reducing the housing waiting list.

At a recent event at the Dunn Close development, ward councillors and residents were all invited to an open event with the opportunity to have a look around the impressive new homes.

As we continue to grow our housing stock, we're also encouraging residents to consider downsizing too.

Moving to a smaller, more suitable home - such as one of our new independent living schemes for residents over 60 - can free up larger family homes, ensuring the right homes go to the right people. Stevenage is delivering on its promise to create high-quality homes and vibrant communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.



Stevenage Winter Advice

Help with the cost of living

This winter, we want to ensure that advice and practical support is available for every resident to help deal with the rising cost of living. We continue to work hard with our partner organisations to find ways to lend a hand by helping you to make your income go further. To make sure everyone knows what level of financial and practical support is available, the 'Cost of Living' page on our website outlines exactly what you can access to help with everyday outgoings.

Look Out for Each Other

The cold winter months can be particularly hard for those that live alone. If you know someone who lives by themselves, give them a visit to find out how they are doing. You could offer to do a little shopping for them in case they cannot get out to buy their essentials.

Tips to keep warm

Whilst it is cold outside, you can do the following to make sure you stay warm in your home.

- Wear layers of clothing (layers trap warm air), instead of one jumper, sweater or cardigan.
- If you can, keep the temperature in your home to at least 18 °C. For the elderly it might need to be higher.
- Keeping as active as you can will help to keep you warm and improve your mental health.
- Have regular hot meals and hot drinks.
- Use an electric blanket or a hot water bottle during the night (but not both).
- Block out draughts by keeping doors and windows closed.

www.stevenage.gov.uk/town-and-community/emergencies/keepingwarm-in-winter



Warm Spaces

Here are the warm spaces available to residents this winter.

Organisation	Details	
Irish Network	Monday - 10.15am - 12.15pm The Oval	
	Tuesday - 10.00am - 12.00noon The Oval	
	Thursday - 9.30am - 11.00am Poplars Community Centre	
Bedwell Community Centre	Tuesday 8.30am - 2pm	
	Friday 8.30am - 12noon	
Junction 7	Saturday 11am - 4pm	
Chells Manor Community Centre	Mondays 1pm till 2.30pm	
Crossroads Care (focussed on carers)	Tuesdays weekly 10am - 12noon	
St Nicholas community centre	Mondays and Wednesdays 1.30pm - 3.30pm	
Oval Community Centre	Thursday from 12pm – 2pm	
Porch Pantry St Andrew & St George	Tuesday from 10.30am – 12noon	
The Muster Point Veterans Café (veterans and their carers)	Tuesdays 10am – 12noon	

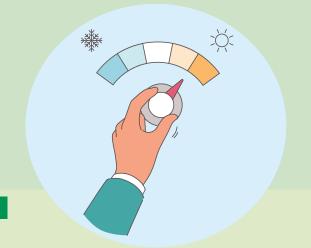
Our Climate Change Achievements

Thanks to efforts of our great community and a host of council energy initiatives, the Government's latest dataset shows that Stevenage emissions are continuing to fall.

HOMES

- In July 2025 we adopted the three-year, countywide, collaborative <u>Hertfordshire Local Retrofit</u> <u>Strategy</u>, aiming to boost domestic retrofit take-up, grow our local supply chain, and boost co-benefits.
- Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.
 Thanks to a £2.62m Central Government and £3.97m contribution from the council, we have upgraded approximately 240 homes towards Energy Performance Certificates with a C rating (which means a home is rated between 69 and 80% efficient).
- Warm Homes: Local Grant.

The council has secured £1.5 million to help upgrade privately owned or rented homes in the next three years, improving energy efficiency and reducing household bills. For more details, search Warm Homes Local Grant on the council's website.





ENERGY & WATER

- Our <u>Hertfordshire Solar Together</u> group helped deliver 30 photovoltaic (PV) rooftop systems last year (a total of 333 panels).
- Zero-carbon electricity for council sites. The council regularly funds the green premium to the tune of around £18,000 per year, so all its corporate electricity supplied sites are zero-carbon.
- Smarter energy in our buildings: Lighting and insulation upgrades have been implemented at our leisure sites through our partnership with Everyone Active. And, in addition, a new poolcover and pool plant equipment have been installed at the Swimming Centre, with £36k from Sport England Swimming Pool Support Fund.
- Our Town Centre Clocktower and both St George's and Westgate car parks now have LED lighting systems too.

CONSTRUCTION & REGENERATION

 We are committed to greener developments, including award-winning new homes.
 Recent councilled housing development schemes (e.g.



Helston House.

Kenilworth Close, and **Dunn Close**) include green roofs that cut energy use and costs.

All-electric new Sports & Leisure Centre.
 Planning permission has been secured for
 the development to replace two of our most
 energy-demanding buildings with a low carbon, off-gas facility.

BIODIVERSITY

• Through Your Tree, Our Future, Stevenage residents planted 5,831 trees in 2024 and have already claimed 4,525 more to plant in December 2025.



- Three new Miyawaki micro-woods (2024– 2025). 5,000 saplings have been planted at St Nicholas Park, Hampson Park, and Shephalbury Park via DEFRA's Coronation Fund, with support from schools and volunteers.
- Green Space Volunteers have been key in delivering these strategies, contributing more than 1,600 hours for woodland coppicing, pond improvements, butterfly surveys, and tree planting.

WASTE AND RECYCLING

 We upgraded eight neighbourhood recycling bring-bank sites, with new signage, bins and infrastructure, funded by UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) and the council's Climate Change Community Fund (CCCF).



We continue to support
 Bedwell Repair Café
 through community funds, and county-wide
 campaigns like Recycle Your Cycle and Herts
 Sustainable Families (helping to replace single-use nappies and period and incontinence products).

TRANSPORT

 We are committed to decarbonising our vehicle fleet by 2030, switching the fleet and machinery fuel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in October 2024, and achieving an approximately 84% CO₂e net reduction compared to conventional diesel.



- We have also started the transition to an electric vehicle fleet, adding six electric vans, with more to follow through the fleet replacement plan.
- Since October 2024, the town-wide cycle hire scheme, offers e-bikes to further promote active and sustainable travel across the town.
- We're partnering with Hertfordshire County Council to deploy additional public EV chargers via <u>LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure)</u> funding, building on earlier (On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme) ORCS sites.

You can track our progress live by visiting our Stevenage Climate Action Plan.

BUSINESSES

- We are also helping local businesses to go green, by funding Gold Memberships for small businesses on <u>Wenta's Action Zero</u> (net-zero support and Carbon Reduction Plans), with 147 businesses already onboard.
- Stevenage Green Business Grant. Launched in November 2024, it offers £70,000 to help local SMEs/charities install energy-saving and low-carbon measures (like LEDs and solar panels) to cut bills.



15 years of Health Walks in Stevenage

Hertfordshire

Health Walks

Have you ever seen a long line of people on Six Hills Way, being led by a walker in a yellow jacket? This is the Fairlands Valley Health Walk, celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

Pauline, age 75, set up the first Health Walk around the lake in 2010. She attended training with Hertfordshire County Council's Countryside Management Service to become a walk leader and really hit it off with another volunteer, Kristina. She said:

"We started small, we just turned up and off we went.

"Kristina and I had a great relationship and enjoyed the company of the other walkers.

"We led together for two years and gradually the volunteer team got bigger, and it became a great social opportunity.

"Walking keeps my bad knee from stiffening up and clears my mind."

Pauline has gained a circle of friends that she still has today and who are especially important since her husband died.

Tracy, who leads the walk from Bedwell Community Centre, said:

"I love to encourage people to take small, positive steps towards improving their health and wellbeing.

"Seeing the impact it's had, from increased confidence to better fitness and reduced isolation, has been incredibly rewarding."



Free walks are offered at Hampson Park Community Centre, Bedwell Community Centre, Fairlands Valley Park and the town centre library. There's no need to book, just arrive 15 minutes early to complete a new walker form. Visit www.hertfordshire. gov.uk/healthwalks or call 01992 555888 for more information.



ROEBUCK BY-ELECTION RESULT

Last month, a by-election was held in Roebuck Ward for the election of a Borough Councillor. The seat was won by Rob Henry of the Reform Party, who joins Labour Councillors Alistair Gordon and Forhad Chowdhury in representing the ward.



We are making changes to the way your food waste is collected so that we can all recycle better.

From Monday 2 March 2026, we will be providing all residents with a new separate weekly food waste service. All households will receive new containers for food waste, and your brown bins will continue to be used for garden waste only.

Why?

- New government legislation Simpler Recycling requires all councils to provide a weekly collection of food waste to households.
- Collecting food waste separately and weekly means that 'smelly' food waste can be collected more frequently.
- A waste audit carried out in 2020 showed that around 35% of the contents of refuse bins in Stevenage was food waste.
- Recycling your food waste separately and weekly will help reduce the amount of waste that ends up in your refuse bin. It can also be used to generate electricity and provide fertiliser for crops.

What to expect

- The new service will start week commencing 2 March 2026.
- Your food waste will be collected weekly.
- New food waste caddies will be delivered in January and February 2026.
- Simply collect food waste in your indoor kitchen caddy and empty it into your outdoor caddy to be taken by our crews.
- New dedicated food waste collection vehicles.
- You will receive a leaflet with guidance on the new service.
- There will be no changes to collection days.

How it will work for Flats

 Flats that currently have shared communal bins for refuse and recycling will receive a shared wheeled bin for food waste.

All flats will receive an individual kitchen caddy.



Naughty or nice recycling at Christmas 🛟

We know that it can be confusing knowing what you can or can't recycle, so we've come up with this handy naughty or nice recycling at Christmas list.



These items should be kept OUT of your recycling containers:

- **Batteries**
- Electricals
- Glossy, glittery or metallic wrapping paper or cards
- Soft plastics like plastic bags, film lids, and crisp / sweet packets
- Paper napkins / plates
- Polystyrene or bubble wrap
- Single use nappies





Keep it clean, keep it empty, and recycle it right:

- Plain cards and wrapping paper
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cardboard packaging
- · Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays
- Clean tin foil
- Food tins and drink cans
- Advent calendars (separate the plastic and card)
- Plastic or metal biscuit/sweet tins

Stevie's top tips to reduce your waste this Christmas

Stevie Sparkle has some top tips on how to reduce your waste over the festive period.

• Second hand gifts or clothing: Consider gifts and Christmas jumpers from charity shops or reuse sites.

- **E-cards:** Reduce paper by sending friends and family e-cards this Christmas.
- Food waste: Use up leftover food to create tasty new meals, recycle any food waste that cannot be eaten.
- Reusable items: Consider reusable Christmas crackers and decorations.
- **Christmas trees:** Recycle real Christmas trees in your brown bin or take to the



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Scheduled Day	Revised Day	
Monday 22 December	Saturday 20 Dec	Two days early
Tuesday 23 Dec	Monday 22 Dec	One day early
Wednesday 24 Dec	Tuesday 23 Dec	One day early
Thursday 25 Dec	Wed 24 Dec	One day early
Friday 26 Dec	Sat 27 Dec	One day late
Monday 29 Dec	Monday 29 Dec	Normal collection day
Tuesday 30 Dec	Tuesday 30 Dec	Normal collection day
Wednesday 31 Dec	Wednesday 31 Dec	Normal collection day
Thursday 1 Jan	Friday 2 Jan	One day late
Friday 2 Jan	Saturday 3 Jan	One day late

Normal collection service resumes Monday 5 January 2026.

Stevenage Indoor Market moved to Park Place Stevenoge Mindoor Market

s shopping habits continue to change, we are continuing to support local businesses and preserve the unique character of the town centre.

As a result our historic Stevenage Indoor Market moved to Boston House, Park Place. The newlook indoor market has been carefully designed to create a vibrant and welcoming space for both shoppers and traders. The bespoke market stalls are stylish and modern and showcase a mix of local businesses. The initiative is part-funded by the Stevenage Development Board through the Government's Towns Fund.

For over 50 years, Stevenage Indoor Market has been a valued asset to the town, offering a diverse range of local products at competitive prices. By relocating to Park Place, it will continue to play a vital role in supporting small businesses and encouraging even more residents to shop local.

Thank you to everyone who took part in voting for the new logo, with the winning design proudly displayed throughout the new market.

For more information about the Indoor Market or to find out more about opening a stall there, please contact a member of our team at indoor.market@stevenage.gov.uk.



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11th January 2026 12.30 -13.30 8th February 2026 12.30 -13.30 8th March 2026 12.30- 13.30 Rockingham Way Café SG1 1SJ

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8th January 2026 19.00-20.00 St Hugh & St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way 12th February 2026 19.00-20.00 Chells Manor Community Centre, Emperor's Head

12th March 2026 19.00-20.00 St Hugh & St John's Church, Mobbsbury Way

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Ward Surgeries

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7th February 2026 12.00-13.00 St. Peter's Community Hall, The Willows, SG2 8AN

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3rd January 2026 10.00 – 11.00 7th February 2026 10.00 – 11.00 7th March 2026 10.00 – 11.00 The Scarborough Centre, next to 9 Scarborough Avenue, SG1 2HJ AND

11th December 2025 10.00 – 11.00 8th January 2026 10.00-11.00 12th February 2026 10.00-11.00 12th March 2026 10.00-11.00 Tea at the Green Coffee Bar, Symonds Green Community Centre, SG1 2JW

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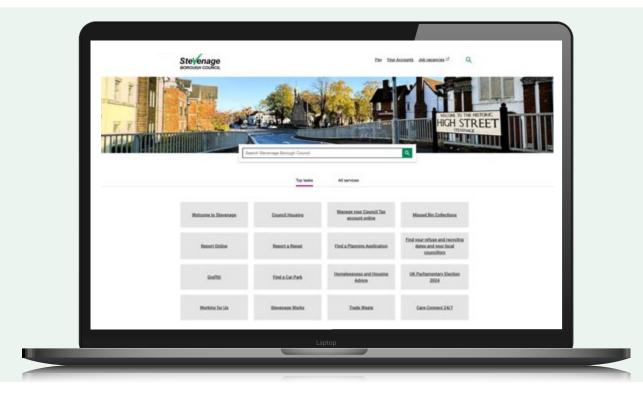
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